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## Intimations.



**POLICE NOTIFICATION.**  
THE following Regulations are made under the provisions of Ordinance 10 of 1869:—

**CITY HALL.**  
VIII.—At all entertainments at the City Hall until December 31st, 1881, Chairs and Vehicles must set down from the East side and take up from the West.

IX.—All empty Chairs and Vehicles will be arranged by the Police in two lines, public Chairs down Queen's Road and private Chairs down Wardley Street, and must only come to the doors of the City Hall in turn.

X.—Passengers along the Streets, and Chairs will keep to the left hand side of the Streets and Roads in the direction in which they are proceeding.

XI.—In Queen's Road two Chairs will be allowed to be carried abreast of each other. In other Streets they must be carried in single line.

XII.—The Police will be directed to keep the crowd moving.

XIII.—Passes will be required after 2 A.M.

W. M. DEANE,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.  
Central Police Barracks,  
Hongkong, 21st December, 1881.

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## Intimations.

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By Order of the Board of Directors,  
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Hongkong, 22nd Dec., 1881.

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**The Hongkong Telegraph.**

HONGKONG, 27TH DECEMBER, 1881.

ALTHOUGH the Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales have not visited us in all the pomp and grandeur usually associated with their high rank, but merely as junior officers of the British navy, the members of the community of Hongkong have not been backward in honoring the occasion by a series of celebrations, which, in spite of all drawbacks, must have proved eminently gratifying to the sons of the future King of Great Britain and Ireland and Emperor of India. If proofs of the thorough loyalty of the inhabitants of this colony to the Royal Family and the old established traditions of our country were needed, the almost universal homage and respect spontaneously paid on Saturday night by every section of our ultra-cosmopolitan community, in every possible way, to the young scions of Royalty, would convince the most hardened sceptic. The spirit of Socialism and Republicanism is undoubtedly spreading its way rapidly over the face of the civilised globe, and there can be little doubt that even in the oldest established of European monarchies an uneasy feeling of insecurity has in consequence lately developed itself. In England Republican or Radical tendencies are unquestionably a great power in the State; and have very properly been recognised as an important factor in the political history of the empire, without, however, in any way affecting the wide-spread, deep-seated feeling of loyalty to the reigning family, and reverence for the old constitution which has served the country so well through some of the most trying chapters in the world's history. The loyalty of Britons to Her Majesty Queen Victoria and the members of the Royal Family, forms a national characteristic of which, in these days of revolutionary measures and pronounced socialism, they have every reason to be proud. We do not think we are exaggerating in the slightest degree in expressing our conviction, that in no part of that immense empire—on which the sun never sets; the mightiest world has ever seen—can their exist a more loyal feeling than in this little Anglo-Chinese colony of Hongkong. The natural veneration which the Chinese have for their own Emperors and high nobility could hardly be exceeded by the unswerving loyalty they have on every possible occasion, of late years, done their utmost to show towards the gracious Sovereign under whose beneficent sway they have reaped the many benefits indissolubly associated with enlightened government. The reception tendered to the young Princes is the natural outcome of this inherent spirit of loyalty to the Crown, and has there-

fore a political significance which can hardly be over-estimated.

On Saturday night, the eve of Christmas, Hongkong was *en fête*. The city had donned its holiday attire, and from east to west, from north to south, in the palatial residences of our merchant princes, equally with the shops and dwelling houses of the humblest of our citizens, Victoria was one long continued blaze of artistically arranged illuminations. For two nights previously the Chinese had been holding high festival in honor of the Princes, a kind of preliminary trial for the great celebration announced for Christmas Eve. Before attempting to briefly sketch the most prominent features of the Christmas Carnival, we must in justice acknowledge that almost the entire credit of the undoubted success which attended the illuminations belongs to our Chinese fellow citizens. After it was definitely understood that the Princes would not visit Hongkong in virtue of their Royal rank, but merely as junior naval officers, it is not too much to say that the major portion of the European community were greatly disappointed, a little bit disgusted, and very much inclined to have nothing whatever to do with ceremonials of any description whatsoever. The Chinese, on the other hand, were determined to carry out their programme as far as possible, and their persistency to show honor to the young sailors in their own way appeared to put the foreign community on their mettle, with the result, that the whole city was illuminated on Saturday night in a style probably never surpassed in the history of the Colony.

A steamer visiting Hongkong for the first time on Christmas Eve, and viewing the splendid scene from the harbour, would have acknowledged that a more unique and imposing spectacle could hardly be met with in the old world. The city is beautifully and picturesquely situated, and can be seen at its best from afloat. On Saturday night it was one blaze of light, reminding one of an enchanted city in a fairy tale. We have not space at our disposal, nor do we consider it necessary, to elaborately detail the various styles of illumination adopted at the different buildings in the colony, but will merely confine our attention to a few of the most striking features in the pyrotechnic display. From the Harbour the most prominent landmarks on the hill side were the bungalow occupied by Mr. W. Kerfoot Hughes, Government House, the Albany, and Seymour Terrace. The style of illumination in each case was almost identical, Chinese and Japanese lanterns arranged on bamboo frames, varied with specimens of decorative art appropriate for the occasion. Along the Praya the effect was very fine, the whole of the European hongs being most brilliantly lit up in every conceivable fashion. The representation of the "star spangled banner" at Messrs. Russell & Co.'s was a happy effort; and the new offices of the P. & O. S. N. Co., with their parti-colored lamps and lanterns most artistically arranged, and the large blazing star were most effective. Throughout the whole line of the Praya, from the Italian Consulate on the west, to the City Hall in the east, the illuminations were an almost unbroken line. Afloat a fair number of vessels were lit up, the Police Hulk, and the steamers *Albatross*, *Kwang-tung*, *Diamond* and *Kiukang* being the most conspicuous vessels, each one a blaze of light. In Queen's Road Central the Hongkong Club, the Post Office, and Hongkong Hotel were most effectively lit up, the gas arrangements and devices at the Hotel undoubtedly carrying off the palm, and almost rivaling the brilliancy of the Clock Tower, which was without exception the most conspicuous object in the city. To the westward of the Club the style of illumination was almost uniform, and presented no striking features until the Stag Hotel was reached. Mine host of this

popular hostelry had evidently laid himself out to produce a display worthy of the occasion, and he certainly achieved a remarkable degree of success. Stretching from the Club eastward the prettily designed device at Mr. T. N. Driscoll's, the Prince of Wales' arms, with the inscription "Welcome to the Princes," attracted attention; the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and the Oriental Bank also presenting a splendid appearance with their numerous arrays of Japanese and Chinese lanterns. On the other side of the street, Messrs. Kelly & Walsh's establishment, and the Telegraph Companies Offices were most effectively illuminated. From Messrs. G. R. Stevens & Co.'s to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank was one continued line of lanterns, lighting up the whole of the street, and throwing a reflection on the trees on the opposite side. The crystal arch opposite the Bank, with its colored glass chandeliers and peculiar Chinese devices was crowded throughout the evening by admiring Celestials. The City Hall was simply magnificent. The lanterns used in illuminating this grand building were regularly arranged in rows and gave the structure an appearance of massive grandeur, which no other building in the city could hope to rival. Beaconsfield Arcade was similarly illuminated, although on a much less extensive scale. The fireworks in the Parade Ground were attended by at least ten thousand people—one of the most orderly mobs we ever saw. The pyrotechnic display was quite up to the best Chinese standard, and appeared to give unqualified delight to the vast concourse of sightseers. Two processions—those of the Golden and Silver Dragons—after marching through the city in all the barbaric pomp and circumstance invariably associated with Chinese festivities, went through some amusing antics on the Parade Ground with the huge dragons, eventually marching off in triumph shortly before midnight. In the minor streets of the colony the illuminations, although not so elaborate as those in the Queen's Road and Praya, were in many instances worthy of special notice. The German Club in Wyndham Street was plainly but prettily arranged, and our evening contemporary the *China Mail* had a few lanterns prominently displayed. The *Daily Press* had a long array of lanterns, but candles appeared to be scarce; which rather detracted from the appearance of the imposing pile at the top of Wyndham Street. The *Telegraph* office in Wellington Street was of course the observed of all observers, the decorations—such as they were—filling the dwellers in the immediate neighbourhood with admiration and awe. The old Hotel de l'Univers was effectively decorated with flags and lanterns, and several devices and mottoes were very prettily lit up and arranged. The fountain in the centre of the portico, with plants artistically arranged, and the green and white crystal device "A Merry Christmas" was really most effective. The road leading from Wyndham Street to Caine Road was lined with lanterns, and the pagoda lit up with many-colored lamps, had a most picturesque effect. Mr. Manger's house had a striking appearance; and the Brazilian Consulate was one blaze of light. The Portuguese Club, and Mr. J. A. Remedios's residence were also prettily illuminated, and the splendid mansion occupied by Messrs. Birley & Co. was one of the sights of the colony. There were many other decorations of interest to which our space will not permit us to allude in detail.

It must be gratifying to the public to know that the lads who were thus so highly honored by the spontaneous action of an entire community, showed their appreciation of the courtesy by coming ashore and personally inspecting the whole line of the illuminations. In company with their tutor the Rev. J. N. Dalton, they

landed at the Naval Yard, and accompanied by the Hon. W. M. Deane, Capt. Superintendent of Police, and Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, Honorary Secretary of the Reception Committee they walked through the principal streets, and expressed themselves greatly delighted with all they saw. H.E. the Governor, accompanied by Lady Hennessy, and a party of ladies and gentlemen staying at Government House, and attended by Lieut. Cox, A.D.C., and Mr. G. S. Northcote, Private Secretary, went round the city at a late hour.

The whole of the proceedings passed over without serious accident, and we must heartily compliment the police on the admirable manner in which the street traffic was conducted under serious difficulties.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson, & Co.) that the steamship *Glencoe* left Singapore for this port on Saturday the 25th instant, and that the steamship *Suez* left Singapore for this port yesterday.

A cricket match was commenced this morning, and will be continued tomorrow, between the Hongkong Cricket Club and a Visitors' team, captained by Lord Harris, the famous Kentish batsman. As the veteran Middlesex captain, Mr. I. D. Walker, is playing for the visitors, the Club will have all their work cut out to hold their own against such talent. For nearly twenty years Mr. I. D. Walker has rightly been considered one of the finest batsmen in England.

The Princes left for Canton yesterday morning in H.M.S. *Vigilant*. They are expected to return on Thursday, and we learn that they will receive deputations at Government House, representing the foreign and Chinese sections of the community, on that day. We believe it has not yet been definitely settled whether the Princes will visit Macao or not; but we should think they are almost certain to run across to the ancient Portuguese city. H.E. Governor Graça has had Government House thoroughly renovated in honor of his expected visitors, and will place the whole house at their disposal should they honor him with a call.

An afternoon dance, in honor of the Princes, given by Admiral Daparré, Commander in Chief of the French fleet in China, was held on board the flag ship *Thémis* on Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance of Naval and Military officers, including their Royal Highnesses Princes Albert Victor and George of Wales, and His Serene Highness Prince Louis of Battenberg, and the élite of the Hongkong community. H.E. the Governor and Lady Hennessy, Admiral the Earl of Clarendon, Admiral and Mrs. Willes, Lady Harris, and a host of other distinguished persons were present. The *Thémis* was most tastefully decorated, everything likely to conduce to the pleasure and comfort of the guests having been carefully studied, and carried out in that *rocherché* style so peculiarly characteristic of the French. Dancing commenced about four, and was carried on with much spirit and animation until seven o'clock. A more thoroughly enjoyable entertainment could not possibly have been provided.

A telegram dated Washington, December 6th observes that President Arthur in his message to Congress on assuming office, said the exchange of views at the late metallic conference has proven valuable, and the meeting will be resumed within the next half year. Regarding the Panama Canal question, he observed that it is one of great national importance, and that it has been proposed to England to modify the Clayton-Bulwer treaty; and abrogate those clauses which are incompatible with America's obligations to Colombia. With respect to the United States forces, the President advised an increase in the army of 5,000 men, and he regards the reorganization of the navy as imperative. The Secretary of the Treasury in his annual statement urges, in view of conflicting opinions in Europe respecting bi-metallic currency, the suspension for the present of the coinage of silver dollars. The silver question demands the early attention of Congress. He proposes revision of the tariff and a remission of taxation.

The steamship *Yokohama* which arrived here from Tsuru on the 21st instant reports that H.M.S. *Maggie*, bound for Hihwa, had been compelled to put into Yaluikan through stress of weather.

A London telegram of the 8th December states that the British Government has invited a thousand of the army reserve and retired policemen to volunteer for special protection duty in Ireland with the Irish constabulary.

The Public Subscription Ball, to be given by the community to the Officers of the Detached Squadron, has been definitely fixed for the evening of Friday the 30th inst. at nine o'clock. The Princes, we are informed, will be present.

Signor Cagli and his Italian opera troupe of 26 artists arrived at Singapore from Marseilles on the 16th inst. and left the following morning for Batavia, where the Company intend giving a series of operatic performances, prior to their departure for Australia.

The German barque *Malvin* and the American barque *Nicholas Phayer* were docked at San-shui-po last night. The American ship *Red Cross* went into Aberdeen Dock this morning, and the German steamer *Pyrois* will dock at Kowloon this afternoon.

Training operations during the past two days, have been of a most interesting character, the whole of the ponies in training doing nothing but trotting exercise. The race-course will be open for galloping for the first time this season to-morrow morning, when good sport will doubtless be witnessed.

We observe by Saturday's *Gazette* that the Earl of Kimberley, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has approved of the following appointments made by H.E. the Governor:—Colonial Secretary's Office—Mr. Arathoon Seth to be Chief Clerk and Clerk of Councils; Mr. João Miguel Alves to be First Clerk; Mr. Arthur Kennedy Travers to be Second Clerk; Mr. Prodolino Herculanio do Rozario to be Third Clerk. Magistracy—Mr. James Parker to be First Clerk; Mr. Ng Kwai Shang to be Second Clerk; Mr. Wong Chün to be Fourth Clerk.

The following notice, signed by Captain Thomsen, Harbour Master, is published in Saturday's *Gazette*:—"All Persons proceeding from Hongkong on shooting or other excursions are hereby informed, that boats or vessels in Chinese Waters can be stopped and examined by the Chinese authorities, with a view to ascertaining if such boats or vessels have on board opium, or other dutiable contraband goods, articles on which duty has not been paid. Such persons are recommended to make enquiry before leaving the colony, as to whether there are such goods or opium on board the boats in which they have embarked."

A London telegram dated the 26th December announces that a debate had taken place in the Spanish Congress (Cortes) on the recent charter granted to the Dant-Overbeck Company for the acquisition of a large tract of territory and certain trading rights in Borneo. The Spanish Minister for Foreign Affairs had protested against the English occupation of Borneo, but said that he could not furnish further information because negotiations were proceeding. Considering the length of time that has elapsed since the active measures of this project were first taken—nearly three years—the Spanish Government is rather late in the field with any objection it may entertain with regard to the occupation of the territory referred to. It is perfectly certain that the Spanish Government was well aware of what was being done more than two years ago, as the movements of the steamer chartered for the purpose of harveying the coast, and which took the party from this port, were fully reported both in the Manila and Madrid papers at the time. We presume the protest mentioned in the telegram is merely a matter of form now that the intention of the British Government has been definitely declared, made to satisfy a certain section of Spanish traders who consider they have interests at stake which may suffer. We certainly incline to this view rather than that the Government itself has waited all these years before taking any action in the matter.







## Intimations.

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Hongkong, 24th June, 1881.

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Hour, ..... 20 "  
Three hours, ..... 50 "  
Six hours, ..... 70 "  
Day of 12 hours, .... One Dollar.

To VICTORIA PEAK.  
Single Trip.

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Three Coolies, ..... 0.85  
Two Coolies, ..... 0.70  
*Return (direct or by Pok-foo-lum).*  
Four Coolies, ..... \$1.50  
Three Coolies, ..... 1.20  
Two Coolies, ..... 1.00

To VICTORIA GAP (TO LEVEL OF  
UMBRELLA SEAT).  
Single Trip.

Four Coolies, ..... 60 cents.  
Three Coolies, ..... 50 "  
Two Coolies, ..... 40 "  
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piculs, per Load, ..... \$1.75  
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kau Boat of 300 piculs, per  
day, ..... \$1.50  
3rd Class Cargo Boat or Ha-  
kau Boat of 300 piculs, per  
Load, ..... \$1.00  
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kau Boat of 300 piculs, per  
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"Telegraph" Office, Hongkong,

October 1st, 1881.

## SHIPPING IN HONGKONG HARBOUR.

*Exclusive of late arrivals and departures this morning.*

In this table the anchorage of Hongkong Harbour is divided, for purposes  
of reference, into five sections:—No. 1 extending from Green Island to the P.  
and O. Company's Wharf; No. 2 from the P. & O. Company's Wharf to the  
Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Wharf; No. 3 from the Canton and Macao  
Steamboat Co.'s Wharf to the Government Wharf; No. 4 from the Govern-  
ment Wharf to the Waichai Pier; and No. 5 from the Waichai Pier to  
Kollott's Island.

Vessels.	Section	Date of Arrival.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Consignees.
Steamers.						
Albay	3	Dec. 23	Lightwood	British	366	D. Lapraik & Co.
Bellona	†	Dec. 18	Fickmeyer	German	789	Siemssen & Co.
Cebu	*	Nov. 29	Edgar	American	373	Captain.
C. of R. de Janeiro	†	Dec. 21	Cavaly	American	3548	P. M. S. S. Co.
Consolation	2	Dec. 15	E. Young	British	764	Yuen Fat Hong.
Conquest	3	Sept. 28	Hamlin	British	318	Shun Hang Hong.
Fame	3	—	A. Stopani	British	117	H. K. & W. Doe's Co.
Foronia	3	Dec. 21	Nagel	German	1115	Siemssen & Co.
Fokien	3	Dec. 25	Abbott	British	509	D. Lapraik & Co.
Glaucus	3	Dec. 26	Jackson	British	1647	Butterfield & Swire.
Glencarn	3	Dec. 26	Duke	British	1499	Jardine, Matheson & Co.
Helios	3	Dec. 12	Lazarich	Aus.-H'an.	1428	Molchers & Co.
Hongkong	1	Oct. 28	—	British	67	K. Acheong & Sons.
Hwai-yuen	3	Dec. 25	Wilson	Chinese	884	C. M. S. N. Co.
Joloano	3	Dec. 19	J. Marquez	Spanish	634	R. Mourante.
Kwangtung	3	Dec. 23	Young	British	674	D. Lapraik & Co.
Malacca	3	Dec. 23	Weighill	British	1706	P. & O. S. N. Co.
Nelson	3	Nov. 26	Thorn	British	894	Geo R. Stevens & Co.
Norden	3	Dec. 21	Rasmussen	Danish	778	Butterfield & Swire.
Oaklands	3	Dec. 24	Payne	British	710	Russell & Co.
Paladin	2	Dec. 20	Parker	British	897	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Penedo	2	Dec. 23	Kenderdine	British	652	Soy Sing.
Phoenix	3	Dec. 21	Behrens	German	789	Siemssen & Co.
Rajanattianahar	3	Dec. 25	Hopkins	British	750	Yuen Fat Hong.
Sea Gull	4	—	Hayden	American	48	China Traders Co.
Shun Tip	1	July 7	Man Fu	Annamese	93	Captain.
Tamsui	3	Dec. 25	Whittle	British	919	Butterfield & Swire.
Vorwaerts	2	Dec. 22	Evers	German	611	Wieler & Co.
Yangtze	* Sept.	30	Schultze	British	782	Siemssen & Co.
Yee-Tay	1 July	7	Lee Tung Tuk	Annamese	1200	Captain.
Yottung	3 Dec.	24	Kennett	British	286	Kwok Acheong & Sons.
Zambesi	3 Dec.	24	Moule	British	1540	P. & O. S. N. Co.

\* Kowloon Dock. † Cosmopolitan Dock. ‡ Aberdeen Dock. \*\* Patent Slip.

## Sailing Vessels.

Bella Morse	4 Nov.	17	Norton	Amr. ship	1307	Order.
Blue Jacket	4 Nov.	21	Perceval	Amr. ship	1396	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Bonito	3 Nov.	26	H. Stehr	Ger. schr	341	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Ceylon	5 Dec.	7	Hallett	Amr. bark	631	Russell & Co.
Christiana Rodman	5 Dec.	27	Cral	Amer. bark	589	Master.
Ottamille	2 Dec.	3	Hunt	Brit. bark	762	Captain.
Daniel Barnes	3 July	22	J. G. Stover	Amr. ship	1485	Vogel & Co.
Bliss	2 Dec.	8	Bruma	Ger. bark	513	Wieler & Co.
Elliotts	3 Nov.	25	Gao. Crighton	Brit. brig	285	Chinese.
Esmeralda	2 Nov.	7	H. Brock	Ger. bark	788	Siemssen & Co.
Esperance	2 Dec.	24	L. Normant	Fr. bark	272	Carlowitz & Co.
Hecht	3 Dec.	3	W. Ploetz	Ger. bark	338	Siemssen & Co.
Holloon	5 Oct.	5	H. Howe	Amr. ship	1199	Captain.
Honrik Ibsen	2 Nov.	20	Dau	N. bark	274	Siemssen & Co.
Hera	4 Dec.	12	L. Gruman	Ger. bark	1036	Captain.
Hermine	3 Dec.	7	Meyer	Ger. bark	351	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Hindoo	2 Dec.	4	M. Thieszen	Ger. bark	511	Wieler & Co.
Hindustan	3 Sept.	10	Belyea	Brit. ship	1547	Captain.
Hiram Emery	4 Nov.	15	Wymar	Amr. bark	799	Order.
Humboldt	2 Nov.	29	Stoll	Ger. bark	329	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Irazu	3 Dec.	12	A. Pearce	Brit. bark	337	Captain.
James Wilson	2 Nov.	26	R. Holmes	Brit. bark	326	Wieler & Co.
J. H. Bowers	2 Dec.	2	Harkness	Amr. bark	784	Chinese.
Juno	2 Nov.	26	Brechwaldt	Brit. bark	512	Siemssen & Co.
Laura	3 Nov.	18	Von Ehren	Ger. bark	332	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Lota	2 Nov.	24	Dudfield	Brit. bark	472	Chinese.
Luby	2 Oct.	30	Habekost	Brit. schr	219	Chinese.
Malvina	2 Nov.	27	Kluge	Ger. bark	479	Wieler & Co.
Manhem	3 Nov.	15	Jansson	Swed. schr	463	Siemssen & Co.
Mario	2 Nov.	25	Hundwardt	Ger. bark	431	Wieler & Co.
Morning Star	3	—	Michaelson	Siam. bark	570	Chinese.
N. O. Auxiliario	4 Dec.	1	Jagoret	Fr. bark	535	Captain.
Nicolas Thayer	2 Nov.	25	R. S. Craley	Amr. bark	585	Gibb, Livingston & Co.
Ocident	2 Dec.	4	Routier	Ger. bark	271	Wieler & Co.
Orient	2 Nov.	16	Lom nermann	Ger. bark	461	Ed. Schellhass & Co.
Panay	5 Dec.	8	P. Bray	Amr. ship	1190	Adams, Ball & Co.
Papa	3 Dec.	3	Bliss	Ger. bark	392	Siemssen & Co.
Printzenberg	2 Dec.	8	Schönemann	Ger. bark	533	Molchers & Co.
Red Cross	4 Nov.	18	Howland	Amr. ship	1300	Order.
Ringlader	5 Dec.	2	W. E. Bray	Amor. ship	1183	Captain.
Schwan	2 Nov.	24	T. Schroder	Ger. brig	276	Siemssen & Co.
Spartan	5 Nov.	15	Vincent	Amr. schr	85	W. H. Ray.
Spirit of the Age	3 Nov.	17	Williams	Brit. bark	347	Chinese.
Sophia	2 Nov.	21	Bingo	Ger. brig	230	Wieler & Co.
Stonewall Jackson	4 Sept.	10	Swain	Amr. bark	1102	Russell & Co.
Syren	2 Oct.	5	Brava	Amr. ship	875	D. Lapraik & Co.
Twilight	5 Sept.	27	Westland	Amr. ship	1303	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
Walls Castle	3 Dec.	11	Brown	Brit. bark	625	Captain.



## THE TRANSIT-PASS ABUSES.

We N. O. Daily News publish elsewhere a letter from a Correspondent at Tientsin, complaining bitterly of the unfair competition against which legitimate traders have to struggle at the hands of those who abuse the privilege of transit-passes. The only comment for which the letter calls, from us is with respect to the strange misconception the writer seems to have formed of the paragraph in which we first drew attention to the matter. The idea that we included the entire mercantile community of Tientsin in the charge, is of course absurd. We simply said, what our Correspondent himself virtually admits, that, in respect to the transit-pass abuse, the state of affairs in Tientsin was almost if not quite as bad as that in Hankow.

The following is the letter referred to:—  
Sir,—In your paper of the 25th ult., I have observed a paragraph that, allow me to point out, contains a too general reflection upon the foreign traders of this port. At any rate I must inform you that there are amongst us some merchants who have never cultivated nor desire to cultivate the equivocal and often times fraudulent transit-pass traffic.

It is known that a very large number of transit-passes are applied for every year, and that by far the largest proportion are not for the conduct of trade on foreign account, but are used by Chinese dealers for what is *ab ovo* Chinese trade. By the use of foreign transit-passes the Chinese dealers are enabled to evade the taxes that are lawfully due to the Imperial authorities. Therefore, that the Chinese taxes may be evaded, the native dealers apply to certain foreigners; and obtain—under treaty provisions—the passes, which are given by the Consular officials on the assumption or on the implied condition that the goods protected from local or provincial taxes, by the documents are; in truth, goods only and solely on foreign account. The native dealer generally pays the foreign applicant some consideration for these documents. The payment may sometimes be in money; but whether it be in money, or whether the foreign applicant, who may also be the agent of a line of steamers, simply stipulates that cargo covered by his transit passes must be shipped to Shanghai by his steamers leaving his comrades to enjoy the benefit of any additional monetary payment, the case is not altered as regards the position of the foreigner in the transaction.

The evil of the illicit sale of transit-passes unfortunately does not end with the shame of the traffic. The result is, as pointed out by Mr. Alabaster, the British Consul at Hankow, that *bona fide* foreign traders are being driven out of the ports where such practices exist by native partnership combinations, who by the assistance of foreigners are enabled to treat foreign traders as intruders, and to close against us native markets in which we, by virtue of treaty rights, could buy, or sell, or barter. The foreign traders are now finding their occupation gone; but the consolation remains that when foreign traders are expelled, foreign steamship owners will get their bad tar, and assuredly be ousted too.

I have never, in all the years I have been here, yet obtained one single transit-pass that was not strictly for my own trade, or for account of my foreign clients, so I write with clean hands. A few others, who can speak for themselves, have a right to declare the like fact. What the Chinese think about the matter was made clear when Li Hung-chang, according to report at the time, denounced certain foreigners who had some trouble about so-called Japan Tea. I hope that, Sir Thomas Wade and his co-ministers will be able to devise some way of stopping a traffic that is so damaging to legitimate traders, i.e., to traders whose business it is to import into Tientsin, foreign manufactures, and to export to foreign countries, Tientsin produce, either on their own account or on commission; also, that is so injurious to the reputation of Treaty-power subjects. Probably if a declaration of ownership had to be made on oath, when the transit passes were applied for, the part of the business that is shameful would die out.

I cannot conclude without remarking that although I and other legitimate traders at this port, who have been

endeavouring to gain a livelihood by trading direct with foreign countries under credits furnished from home, have long realised the grievously unfair competition to which we are exposed, I would not have troubled you with a communication on the subject, had you not so pointedly called attention to the transit-pass traffic in the paragraph of your paper above referred to. I enclose my card, and remain, Sir, your obedient servant,  
Mercator.  
Tientsin, 5th December, 1881.

## PROF. ROBERTSON SMITH.

On Monday Oct. 31st afternoon a public meeting was held in Queen-street Hall, Edinburgh, at which the Rev. Professor Robertson Smith was presented with books and manuscript to the value of £1,000. There was a crowded attendance, Mr. Benjamin Bell, Edinburgh, presided, and amongst others present were the Rev. Dr. W. C. Smith, the Rev. Dr. Whyte, and the Rev. Professor Davidson, Edinburgh, the Rev. Dr. W. Pirie Smith, Keig, Aberdeenshire, the Rev. Professors Bruce and Lindsay, Glasgow, Dr. John Muir, Dr. W. Blaikie, Glasgow, Mr. McKay Advocate, Mr. Lorimer, Advocate, and Mr. Taylor Innes, Advocate. Mr. J. M. McCandlish, W. S., moved that this meeting renews the protest made by the minority of the last General Assembly against the Assembly's decision in the case of Professor W. Robertson Smith, and pronounces that decision to be unconstitutional and unjust, and as such calculated to lower the moral status of the Free Church and to retard progress. Mr. J. F. Whyte, Aberdeen, seconded the motion, which was agreed to. The Rev. Professor Bruce, Glasgow, moved as follows:—"That the spread of education among the people of Scotland, combined with the hostile attitude maintained towards evangelical truth by so many leading scientific thinkers, imposes upon the Church a special duty of vindicating and defending in accordance with modern historical methods the facts and principles of the Divine revelation of God's grace contained in the Bible, and that all attempts such as that made by the last General Assembly to arrest the progress among us of a scholarly believing criticism of the Word of God tend to further the spread of an unbelieving rationalism, and are fraught with danger towards the evangelical life and work of the Church for the maintenance of which the people of Scotland have always contended." The Rev. Ross Taylor, Kelvinside, seconded the motion, which was agreed to. The Rev. Mr. Sandeman, Edinburgh, moved, "That this meeting rejoices to know that Professor W. R. Smith has consented to deliver a short course of lectures on the prophetic books in Edinburgh and Glasgow during this winter." Dr. Blaikie, Glasgow, seconded the motion, which was adopted. The chairman said that Professor Smith would not accept any pecuniary gift from his friends unless he could also do something to advance the cause in which they were all interested. It then occurred to his friends that if he would not receive a pecuniary gift or acknowledgment he would at least allow them to present him with books and manuscripts for the prosecution of his studies. Professor Smith acceded to that, and a sum of money amounting to £1,000 was raised in a few days. The books and MSS. had been selected by Professor Smith himself. His friends had felt that, besides providing Professor Smith with books and MSS., they ought to have a guarantee fund for putting him, as if were, into a position of learned leisure to prosecute his studies. The result of that had been that a sum had been raised that would afford a larger salary to him than he enjoyed at Aberdeen. Professor Robertson Smith, in returning thanks, said that he had heard a great deal as to whether certain publications with which his name was connected were premature or not premature. The real point was this, there was on all sides in Scotland a movement towards a newer and deeper Biblical study, and if Christianity could hope to keep the place it had previously held in the first rank of human culture—nay, above the rank of human culture—it was only by throwing itself again into deeper and more learned research, into more study of its own nature, its origin, and its powers.  
—Times.

## COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THIS DAY, One P.M.  
Commercial matters are still attracting very little attention, but doubtless after the settlement at the end of the year we shall have a busy time on the Stock Exchange. We hear that some troubles are anticipated on settling day, the plunging on Docks some few months back at high rates having proved anything but a paying speculation; however, we doubt not that matters will be satisfactorily arranged in one way or another. Docks are still offering at 35 per cent premium, but not to any great extent, and we feel quite certain that if anything like a demand were to arise, the stock would rise to a considerable extent without a very exorbitant outlay. The pulse of the share market at the present time is unusually feverish, unsteady, and unreliable. Banks are in rather better odour than when we last wrote, buyers failing to meet with their requirements at 118, and the shares have a decidedly upward tendency. We learn from Shanghai that business has been done in North China Insurances at 1,175, an advance of 50 on previous quotation. A few China Fires have changed hands at 290, the stock leaving off fairly firm at that rate. Steamboats are on the market to a limited extent at 23 per share premium; and Sugars continue to be firm, with buyers at 158.

SHARES.  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation—118 per cent premium, buyers.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,500 per share.  
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$1,550 per share.  
North-China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,175 per share, sales.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 875 per share.  
Chinese Insurance Company—\$290 per share, sellers.  
Man On Insurance Company, Limited—\$25 per share premium.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$925 per share.  
China Fire Insurance Company—\$290 per share, sales.  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—36 per cent premium, sellers.  
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Company—\$23 per share premium, sellers.  
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 103 per share.  
Hongkong Gas Company—\$85 per share.  
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$100 per share, sellers.  
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$158 per share, buyers.  
China Sugar Refining Company (Debentures)—3 per cent premium.  
Hongkong Ice Company—\$130 per share, buyers.  
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$50 per share.  
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—14 per cent premium, ex interest.  
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—24 per cent premium.

EXCHANGE.  
On LONDON—Bank Bills, T.T. .... 3/8  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ..... 3/8  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/8  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 3/8  
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ..... 3/8  
On PARIS—Bank Bills, on demand ..... 4.67  
Credits, at 4 months' sight ..... 4.67  
On BOMBAY—Bank, T.T. .... 220  
On CALCUTTA—Bank, T.T. .... 220  
On SHANGHAI—Bank, T.T. .... 73 1/2  
Private, 30 days' sight ..... 74

## HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(TAKEN AT MESSRS. FALCONER AND CO.'S REGISTER, QUEEN'S-ROAD).  
Hongkong, 26th & 27th December, 1881.  
BAROMETER—1 P.M. .... 30.230  
Do. 4 P.M. ....  
THERMOMETER—1 P.M. .... 56.  
Do. 4 P.M. ....  
Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) .... 51.  
Do. 4 P.M. Do. ....  
BAROMETER—9 A.M. .... 30.312  
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. .... 61.  
Do. 9 A.M. (Wet Bulb) .... 53.  
Do. Maximum ..... 56.  
Do. Minimum (over night) 59.

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

## ARRIVALS.

Dec. 24, YORRONG, British steamer, 285, Kenneth, Tauron 16th Dec., General.—Kwok Ah-chong and Sons.  
Dec. 24, OAKLANDS, British steamer, 710, Payne, Canton 24th, Ballast.—Russell & Co.  
Dec. 25, Hwai-Yuen, Chinese steamer, 884, O. Wilson, Canton 25th, General.—O. M. S. N. Co.  
Dec. 25, TAMSUI, British steamer, 919, Whittle, Canton 25th, General.—Butterfield & Swire.  
Dec. 25th VENETIA, British steamer, 1,728, A. B. Daniell, Bombay, 3rd Dec., Galle 10th, Singapore 18th, Mails & General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.  
Dec. 25, FOKIEN, British steamer, 509, J. O. Abbott, Tamsui, via Amoy and Swatow. 21st, 22nd, 24th, General.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.  
Dec. 25, RAJANATTIANHAR, British steamer 750, G. T. Hopkins, Bangkok 13th inst. Rice and General.—Yuen Fat Hong.  
Dec. 25, FOOCHOW, British steamer, 709, Clegg, Chinkiang 20th Dec., Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.  
Dec. 26, ASIA, Danish steamer, 880, Diorup, Chinkiang 22nd Dec., Rice.—Siemssen & Co.  
Dec. 26, GLAUCUS, British steamer, 1,647, T. S. Jackson, Nagasaki, 21st Dec., Coal & General.—Butterfield & Swire.

Dec. 26, GLENBARN, British steamer, 1,409, W. B. Duke, London 9th Nov., Singapore 19th Dec., General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
Dec. 27, CHRISTIANA REDMAN, American barkentine, 589, Oral, Newcastle 27th Oct., Coal.—Master.  
Dec. 27, PRING, British steamer, 954, G. H. Drewes, Chinkiang 23rd Dec., Rice.—Russell & Co.  
Dec. 27, HAILONG, British steamer, 277, F. Ashton, Swatow 20th Dec., General.—D. Lapraik & Co.

## DEPARTURES.

Dec. 25, TANNADIG, British steamer, for Melbourne.  
Dec. 25, NANGPO, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
Dec. 25, DIAMANTE, British steamer, for Amoy.  
Dec. 25, CHEFOO, British steamer for Shanghai.  
Dec. 25, VOLGA, French steamer, for Yokohama.  
Dec. 25, R. PARSONS, American bark for Iloilo.  
Dec. 25, OXUS, French steamer, for Shanghai.  
Dec. 26, VIBONA, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.  
Dec. 26, LEONORA, Amer. ship, for Guam.  
Dec. 26, FUSSELL, British bark, for Yap.  
Dec. 27, GRAYHOUND, British steamer, for Hoihow.  
Dec. 27, ANNA, German bark, for Tauron.  
Dec. 27, ASIA, Danish steamer, for Canton.  
Dec. 27, KANG-CHI, Chinese steamer, for Hoihow.  
Dec. 27, VENETIA, British steamer, for Shanghai.  
Dec. 27, PEKING, British steamer, for Canton.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.  
Per Gleneara, steamer from London and Singapore, Miss Creswell, Messrs. Howard, Hewitt, and Fentum.  
Per Rajanattianhar, from Bangkok.—Mr. Windsor.  
Per Fokien, from Coast Ports.—Dr. Gerlach.  
Per Venetia, steamer, from Bombay, &c.—For Hongkong.—From Gravesend, Mr. Lancaster. From Brindisi.—Lieutenant A. Lambert and Mr. McLaurin. From Bombay.—Messrs. Tolattee, Jerwanjee, Manokjee, and Saporjee. From Penang.—Major Hamilton. From Penang and Singapore.—189 Chinese. From Singapore.—Mrs. A. M. Brown and child, Miss Trotter, Miss Nelson, Messrs. A. W. Smith and Bonnesse, and 8 Chinese. For Shanghai.—Miss Marsh, from Gravesend. From Brindisi.—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kupper. For Yokohama.—Mr. Mrs. and Miss Bundy, Messrs. Glenzie and Keado, from Gravesend.

## REPORTS.

The British steamer Glaucus reports strong monsoon and cloudy weather throughout.  
The British steamer Peking reports left Chinkiang on the 23rd Dec., arrived in Hongkong on the 27th, had light monsoon and fine weather throughout the passage.  
The British steamer Hailong reports from Swatow to Chelang Point, moderate N.E. breeze; from thence to port fresh northerly breeze. In Swatow, steamers Nestor, China, and Feihoo left same day.  
The British steamer Rajanattianhar reports left Bangkok on the 13th inst., and had fine and moderate weather to Cape Padaran; thence to Hongkong strong North Easterly gale, heavy sea, and violent squalls, attended with rain.  
The British steamer Fokien reports from Tamsui to Amoy light variable winds and fine weather; from Amoy to Swatow, strong N.E. breeze, with heavy sea and misty weather; from thence to port fresh N.E. breeze and fine weather. In Amoy, steamers Strathmore and Wenchow; in Swatow, steamers China and Keelang, and the Revenue cruiser Fei-Hoo had arrived from Formosa.  
The British steamer Gleneara reports from London till past Malta, moderate and fine weather, off the latter hard Easterly gale and heavy sea lasting 2 days; thence to Port Said moderate weather; arrived at latter (Port Said) Nov. 24th, left Suez Nov. 28th; strong hard winds in Red Sea; crossing Indian Ocean, fresh head winds and rough sea with heavy rain; passed Galle Dec. 12th, arrived at Singapore on 18th, left Singapore on 19th at 1 p.m., experienced strong head winds and high N.E. sea and more or less rain all the way. Dec. 20th passed steamship Ulysses bound North.

## MAILS.

The following mails will close:—  
TO-MORROW, 28th December,—  
For Nagasaki and Yokohama, per Malacca, at 11.30 a.m. For Amoy, Tamsui, and Tanwanfo, per Fokien, at 11.30 a.m.  
On FRIDAY, 30th December,—  
For Saigon, per Paladin, at 4.30 p.m.  
On MONDAY, 2nd January,—  
For the United Kingdom and Europe, via Naples; to Saigon, Straits Settlements, Batavia, Burmah, Ceylon, the Australasian Colonies, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Gibraltar, per Amazon, for printed matter at 10 a.m., and letters at 11 a.m.

## Intimations.

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TABLE PLUMS.

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LIQUEURS.

CHARTREUSE.  
BENEDICTINE.

ANISETTE.  
CURACAO.

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C. L. THEVENIN,  
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, 1881.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Orpheus* arrived here on Saturday, but the mail was not delivered in time for our issue of that day. The following telegrams are taken from the *Straits Times* Extra:—

London, 15th Nov.—The *Official Gazette* published a Royal Warrant transferring to the unemployed supernumerary list all Generals aged 62, and Lieutenant-Generals aged 67, or unemployed from five to seven years, and Colonels aged 56 to 59; another Royal Warrant regulates the promotion of officers of the Indian army on the fixed establishment. The general officers, including staff corps, will be 4 Generals and 18 Major-Generals.

Washington, 15th Nov.—President Arthur in receiving Mr. Sackville West, the new British minister at Washington, on the occasion of his presenting his credentials, said he would do his utmost to increase the harmony and goodwill at present existing between England and America.

Paris, 15th Nov.—M. Gambetta, in his programme issued to-day, states that his aim will be gradual reforms, the extension of commerce by treaties, and the preservation of peace at home and abroad.

London, 16th Nov.—Mr. W. J. Sendall, assistant secretary of the local Government Board, has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Natal.

Sir Evelyn Wood returns to England at the end of December.

London, 9th Nov.—Bank Shares:—Oriental Bank, £20; Chartered Bank, £23 10; Mercantile Bank, £21; Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, £50. London, 23rd Nov.—Oriental Bank, £20; Chartered Bank, £23 10; Mercantile Bank, £21; Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, £50.

Durban, 23rd Nov.—The Natal Legislative Council has voted supplies for six instead of twelve months, in consequence of the appointment of Mr. Sendall as Lieutenant Governor of Natal, whose appointment is unpopular.

Bombay, 23rd Nov.—The *Times of India's* special London telegram says that much excitement has been created by a serious difference between the Duke of Cambridge and Mr. Childers. A remarkable article has been published by the *Times*, urging the necessity of subjecting the Duke to the Minister of War, and covertly accusing the Duke of using his high position to thwart Mr. Childers' reforms. The tone of the article is strongly disapproved in military circles.

London, 25th Nov.—The troopship *Serapis* homeward bound, spoken in the Red Sea on the 21st instant under canvas with three blades screw carried away. The *Crocodile* has been ordered to tow her to Malta.

Constantinople, 24th Nov.—A difficulty has arisen between Turkey and Greece about the Post Offices, the Porte having ordered Greek post offices here to be closed.

St. Petersburg, 26th Nov.—An attempt has been made by a youth to shoot General Tchernev of the Ministry of the Interior; it is said he was instigated to commit the crime.

Constantinople, 26th Nov.—Fighting is going on between Austrian troops and insurgents in the Cathero district the latter refusing service in the Austrian Army which the Austrian Government are now enforcing. Arrangements in connection with the payment of the indemnity by Turkey to Russia are progressing favorably.

London, 26th Nov.—A military committee has been formed for the purpose of reporting on the defence of Ceylon, with a view to its better protection.

Mr. Courtney, Under Secretary for the Colonies, speaking at Liskeard, defended the appointment of Mr. Sendall as Lieutenant Governor of Natal on the ground that Earl Kimberley the Secretary of State for the Colonies considered him the one best fitted for that position.

London, 27th Nov.—Three additional Land Commissioners have been appointed in Ireland.

Lefroy has confessed to having murdered Mr. Gold, and also Lieutenant Roper, Royal Engineers, at Chatham.

A violent storm has raged along the English coast during the last forty-eight hours. Many wrecks have been reported, and a quarantine has been established in Spain for arrivals from the Red Sea.

Paris, 27th Nov.—Baron Courcel has been appointed French Ambassador at Berlin.

London, 27th Nov.—Lord Hartington, speaking yesterday at Blackburn, ridiculed the remarks made by Lord Salisbury at Newcastle respecting the Afghan policy of the Government on 12th of last month. His Lordship said that the policy of Government was to make Afghanistan strong and free and united and in this it had been successful. He regretted that the situation of Ireland still causes great anxiety, and is calculated to inspire the greatest disappointment and dissatisfaction. Outrages were rife and the exercise of legal rights of property is difficult and dangerous. Government would, however, continue to act with unswerving firmness and inexhaustible patience.

London, 28th Nov.—Lefroy is supposed to be connected with a third murder, that of Clarke at Liverpool.

London, 1st Dec.—The Austrian troops have been defeated by the insurgents, with a loss of twenty killed.

London, 30th Nov.—Parliament is summoned to meet for the despatch of business on February 7th.

London, 30th Nov.—The election agents at Macclesfield and Sandwich have been sentenced to nine months' and six months' imprisonment respectively for bribery.

London, 30th Nov.—Further arrests have been made in Ireland, including Mr. Killen. Michael Byton has been released. Rioting has taken place at Bruff, County Limerick. Refusals to pay rents are becoming general throughout the west and south of Ireland.

Colombo, 2nd Dec.—The *Ozus* was detained in the Canal by a stranded steamer, and only left Aden for Colombo 30th Nov., at six in the evening.

Berlin, 30th Nov.—Debates of an acrimonious character are daily taking place in the Reichstag. The extreme Radicals made personal attacks on Prince Bismarck, who retorted that their desertion and hostility had driven him into the arms of the Centre. It is intended to appoint a Prussian Minister to the Vatican.

London, 1st Dec.—The *Daily News* publishes a telegram stating that the Porte has threatened to close the European post offices in Constantinople.

It is officially announced that Lefroy has retracted his confession respecting the murder of Lieut. Roper.

The (Irish) Convention has commenced its sittings at Chicago, 7,000 delegates being present.

London, 30th Nov.—The insurrection in the Arem-Cattar district continues. The Austrian troops have been defeated by the insurgents, with the loss of twenty killed.

Berlin, 1st Dec.—The German Parliament has rejected the Economic Council Bill in spite of Prince Bismarck warmly advocating it.

Paris, 1st Dec.—The Chamber of Deputies has passed a bill for military expenditure in Tunis. In a speech by M. Gambetta, he referred to the benefits of European control in Egypt as being favorable to similar control in Tunis.

London, 2nd Dec.—A meeting was held yesterday at Aberdeen of delegates representing 40,000 Scotch farmers, at which the reform of the Scotch Land Laws was demanded.

Constantinople, 1st Dec.—Mr. Bourke, on behalf of bondholders, has invoked the support of the British Government against Russian pretensions.

London, 4th Dec.—The body of the late Earl Crawford has been stolen from the Mausoleum at Dan Echi, Aberdeen it is supposed with the object of obtaining a ransom.

New York, 3rd Dec.—At the Chicago (Irish) Convention the two factions have been reconciled adopted resolutions in favor of a national Government in Ireland and endorsed the manifesto urging tenants to pay no rent.

Vienna, 4th Dec.—Considerable tension having existed between Austria and Roumania respecting the navigation of the Danube, the Austrian Government have ordered the suspension of diplomatic relations pending an investigation by Count Keilnoky Köröspatak.

Bombay, 5th Dec.—A *Bombay Gazette* special telegram says that it is reported that the Crown will be asked to appoint Sir Theophilus Shepstone Governor of Natal, and the Government have decided to reconsider Mr. Sendall's appointment. John Dunn has been appointed Chief of Zululand.

London, 5th Dec.—It is officially announced that the appointment of Mr. Sendall as Lieu-Governor of Natal has been cancelled, and that (Government will accede to the wishes of the Natal Legislative Council and appoint a Governor instead of a Lieut-Governor.

The following items are taken from the *London and China Express* of the 11th ult.:—

H.M.S. *Lupinus*, homeward bound from the China station, left Simon's Bay on the 20th ult.

The Duke of Edinburgh has visited Bristol in his capacity of Admiral Superintendent of the Reserves, for the purpose of inspecting the Naval Reserves of the district. The Duke was welcomed by a large assembly and received by a guard of Bristol Naval Volunteers; and entering the Mayor's private carriage, which had been placed at his disposal, he drove to the *Dadalus* training ship, in the harbour, where he inspected the Naval Reserve and the Bristol Brigade of Naval Volunteers.

Our Paris correspondent informs us that the firm of Messrs. Clapart and Co. have received a contract from the French Government to construct for the Navy two gunboats. They will be named the *Eclair* and *Trombe*. These vessels, which are destined for service in the Red River, in Tong King, will be of the following dimensions, viz.:—Length between perpendiculars 30 metres; breadth 12 metres, and drawing 0'70 water. The hull will be constructed of steel. The engines, of 300-horse-power, will be of the compound principle, the speed being 8 knots per hour.

The Foreign Missionary Seminary at Paris has received a telegram, dated Hongkong 8th inst., which reports that a terrible typhoon had just ravaged Western Tonquin. Two hundred temples and thirty-four mission-houses and colleges have been destroyed, with 2,000 houses inhabited by Christians. Six thousand Christians are stated to be ruined and without resources. The losses are immense, and the distress terrible. The telegram concludes by an urgent appeal for the promptest help.

The promotion of Captains J. C. Wilson and Sholto Douglas, C.B., to the flag list, will leave Captains W. H. Elye, Arthur T. Thrupp, and Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, Bart., at the head of the captains' list. In the course of next year Sir Michael Culme-Seymour, Bart., flag-captain at Portsmouth; Sir Frederick Richards, commodore on the West Coast of Africa; Captain B. P. Cator, commanding the Leigh Coastguard District; Captain the Hon. Walter Carpenter, commanding the Kingstown Coastguard District; Captain Theodore Morton Jones, superintendent of Sheerness Dockyard; Captain George Henry Parker, superintendent of the Pembroke Yard; and Captain Henry B. Woolcombe, will all be promoted to the flag list. The first four of these officers hold appointments as aides-de-camp to the Queen, the other three drawing good-service pensions.

Rear-Admiral George Willes Watson has been appointed to succeed Rear-Admiral T. Brandreth as Superintendent of Chatham Dockyard. Rear-Admiral Watson entered the navy in Nov., 1841, and sailed almost immediately for China, where he served as a first-class volunteer in the *Apollo* and *Dido* at the capture of Chinkiang and at Nanking. As midshipman of the *Dido*, he served in a boat action with pirates at Sirhasen. As senior lieutenant of the *Royal Albert*, and acting commander of the *Desperado*, he served during the Chinese war. He has subsequently done duty as commodore and naval officer at Hongkong from March, 1876, to May, 1879, and had command of the *Temeraire* in the Mediterranean from June, 1879, to Jan., 1880, when he was promoted to flag list. Rear-Admiral Watson is decorated with the China war medal, 1841-42; the Crimean medal, with Sebastopol clasp; Turkish medal; and the 5th class of the Medjidie.

Monsieur Lecat, one of the directors of the Messageries Maritimes Company, is at present in Australia making a tour, and also making some arrangements preparatory to the new line being commenced from Marseilles thence. M. Lecat will have the management in Marseilles of that portion of the affairs of the Company.

With reference to the Mail Table annually published by us, the figures are not yet announced. We believe that the Peninsular and Oriental Company have forwarded the schedule for 1882 to the Post-office authorities, who no doubt are endeavouring to fuse the interests of all concerned, and are thus somewhat delayed.

It is reported from Berlin that the Japanese Government has telegraphed to a competent authority there for advice upon the subject of the readjustment of its treaty commercial relations with the various countries of Europe and America. We have, however, received no confirmation of this report, which we should consider as very unlikely.

We are informed that the rumour that Li Chao t'ang, the General Manager of the Foochow Arsenal, was to succeed the Marquis Tseng as Chinese Minister to England and France is substantially correct. The Marquis will not leave until the arrival of his successor.

No successor has yet been appointed to Mr. Lees, the late Governor of Labuan. We hear that some alterations may take place with regard to the Colony, and that it may possibly pass from the custody of the Colonial Office, although no steps have yet been taken.

Monsieur Edmond Fuchs, a mining engineer, has left France for Cochinchina on an official mission to test the rumoured existence of coal and metaliferous strata in that colony.

We learn on enquiry at the Admiralty that the Detached Squadron, under the Earl of Clan William, and in which two young Princes are sailing, will reach Singapore about the 13th Jan. next.

The departure of Sir Harry Parkes, K.C.B., H.B.M.'s Minister in Japan, which was originally fixed for this mail, has been postponed until the mail leaving on the 9th prox.

It is notified from the Colonial Office that Mr. F. H. May has been appointed a Cadet for Hongkong, and Mr. W. Portley a Cadet for the Straits Settlements.

The following items are from the *London and China Express* of the 18th ult.:—

The opening address of the session in the Law Amendment Society will be delivered on the 21st inst., by Sir John Stowe, late Chief Justice of Hongkong.

The *Seyon*, which has been built for the Messageries Maritimes Company, for their Tong King line, by Messrs. Caird and Co., after her trial trip left the Clyde on the 15th inst.

The steamer *Escombia*, which will sail in a day or two, takes out a further quantity of material for the new Imperial Government Railways of Japan.

The American ship *Highlander*, which has arrived at San Francisco from Hongkong, reports that when eighteen days out she encountered a hurricane, which threw her on her beam ends, and carried away a number of sails. She had at one time 38 inches of water in her hold.

His Highness Prince Prisdang left Berlin on the 13th inst., and returned to Vienna. H.H. will, we believe, visit Berlin again before proceeding to England. We understand that the Prince is commissioned by H.M. the King of Siam to gather any information of the manner of government of the various departments at the above-named capitals, as well as in London, that may be of advantage to Siam.

The *Jolani*, an iron screw steamer of 1,500 tons, built by Messrs. Murdoch and Murray, Port Glasgow, for Messrs. Raeburn and Verel, Glasgow, was launched on the 9th inst. She is intended for the East India and China trade, is classed 100 A 1 at Lloyd's, and is built on the three-deck rule, with water ballast in both holds, steam windlass, steam steering gear, &c., and will be fitted with compound surface-condensing engines of about 170-horse power nominal by Messrs. Kincaid, Donald and Co., Greenock.

The naval pension of £50 per annum for Lieutenants, vacant by the recent death of Retired Commander James S. Davison, has been awarded to Retired Commander William H. Wright, who was midshipman of the *Agile* during the operations of the River Plate; landed with small-arm party to the defence of Montevideo in 1847; served in the *Argo* of the Hastings at the destruction of twenty-three war junks in Bias Bay, Tong King, in 1849; was acting Lieutenant of the *Hastings* at

Rangoon; and lieutenant of the *Ajax* at the reduction of Bomarsund in 1854 (Baltic medal).

Deputy Surgeon-General Richard Gilborne, Chief Medical officer of the Eastern District, has been appointed Principal Medical Officer of the Bombay Presidency, in succession to Surgeon-General Fogo, who is shortly to retire on account of age. Mr. Gilborne, who entered the army in 1846, served for many years in the 89th Regiment, with which he saw service before Sebastopol and in India during the suppression of the Mutiny. His last period of foreign service was passed at Hong Kong. Mr. Gilborne is about to be promoted to the list of surgeons-general.

According to reports from Vienna, it seems likely that there will not be a serious "cutting" of the rates of freight from Trieste to the East, consequent on the competition of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyds and the P. and O. Companies. As announced some time ago, the latter company have started a line from Trieste. The quotation for the shares of the Austro-Hungarian Lloyds has, however, recently advanced rapidly, and this is attributed partly to the belief that an agreement for a common schedule of rates between the two companies is very near completion. The rise is also a tribute to a "corner" in the shares, and finally to the circumstance that the autumn traffic is proving very good. The estimate of the probable dividend are being increased in consequence. This is one of several striking indications of the improvement of trade in Austria-Hungary.

Messrs. J. and E. Hall, the well-known manufacturers of gunpowder machinery, have at present under construction at their works at Dartford, Kent, another complete set of machinery for a gunpowder factory, to be erected at the new arsenal at Nanking. This makes the seventh factory for which the above-named firm have supplied the entire plant. The machinery comprises all the latest improvements that have been introduced in the manufacture of gunpowder up to the present time, and will be capable of producing 1,000 lbs. per diem. We understand that about half of this order will leave their works during the course of next month, and the remainder will be delivered in March, 1882. Messrs. J. and E. Hall are beginning to get as well known in China as they are in India, they having supplied the whole of the machinery for the Trientsin Arsenal, as well as that for the three Indian gunpowder factories.

In consequence of the divergence of opinion between the Ministers in Lisbon they have tendered their resignations, which have been accepted by the King, who invited Senor di Fontes Pereira de Mello, Chief of the Regeneradores, to form a Cabinet. Senor Fontes declined to undertake the task, and recommended Councillor Martens Perzao, who also declined. Upon the King again urging him, Senor Fontes undertook the formation of a new Ministry, which has since been constituted as follows:—President, holding the portfolios of War and Finance, Senor Fontes; Foreign Affairs, Senor Serpa Pimentel; Public Works, Senor Hintze; Home Department, Senor Thomas Ribeiro; Justice, Senor Jules Vilhena; Marine, Senor Mello Gouveia. All are Regeneradores except the Minister of Marine, who belongs to the Avillista party. The Ministers of Justice and Public Works were members of the late Cabinet.

It has been reported that the famous M. Worth, the greatest man-milliner in the world, has a country house furnished in the most lavish fashion, but containing nothing more striking to the visitor than the extensive aviary, in which scores of birds of all conceivable hues fit about at their ease. The aviary, it seems, is more than a whim of its owner. He declares that he derives from it the notion for some of his most striking combinations and daring confections. "When I am at a loss for a new idea as to colour-blending," he says, "I go and watch my birds, and almost certainly soon see some chance combination of hues as they fit about, which gives me the desired notion." If this be indeed a fact, and we have no reason to doubt it, it would appear that his worthy birds are in reality helping him to feather his nest while they feather their own.